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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through fiscal year (FY) 2021.

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
 - The Services' continuing efforts throughout the accession enterprise helped to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the recruiting enterprise.
 - Appropriate adjustments have been made to ensure the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure the force is safely manned while meeting the mission needs of the National Defense Strategy.
- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative goals and accessions/gains through FY2021.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 57,500; Attained 57,606, (100.18 percent/+106).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 33,400; Attained 33,559, (100.48 percent/+159).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 30,607; Attained 30,617; (100.03 percent/+10).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 26,641; Attained 26,656 (100.06 percent/+15).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during FY2021. Army and Air Force met or exceed their retention targets. Navy and Marine Corps came in slightly below their targets.
- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative goals and accessions/gains for FY2021.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 42,957; Attained 34,658 (80.68 percent/-8,299).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 15,875; Attained 11,690 (73.64 percent/-4,185).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 6,425; Attained 5,631 (87.64 percent/-794).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 8,768; Attained 9,206 (105.00 percent/+438).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 7,869; Attained 8,190 (104.08 percent/+321).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 7,050; Attained 7,376 (104.62 percent/+326).
 - **Quality.** The Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.